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1. DURING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER LITTLE ACTIVITY TOOK PLACE IN OFFICIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT CIRCLES. SINCE THE PREVIOUS REPORT THE FEDERAL POLICE MADE TWENTY ARRESTS FOR POSSESSION OF SMALL AMOUNTS OF MARIHUANA, AMPHETAMINES, COCAINE. NO MAJOR ARRESTS WERE REPORTED.

2. HIATUS CONTINUES IN ARGENTINA AS FAR AS MAJOR EFFORT IN NARCOTICS FIELD CONCERNED. ELECTION OF SEPT 23 OF PERON AS PRESIDENT WITH INAUGUARATION ON OCT 12, PROMISES BRING WAITING PERIOD TO END. ALL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES WATCHING AND WAITING FOR SHIFTS IN TOP POLICY MAKING JOBS IN VARIOUS MINISTRIES;

3. BGEN (RET) MIGUEL ANGEL INIGUEZ WAS RECENTLY APPOINTED AS THE CHIEF OF THE FEDERAL POLICE AND TOOK OFFICE ON SEPT 24 BUT IT IS NOT YET KNOWN WHAT HIS ATTITUDE WILL BE TOWARDS COOPERATION WITH USG IN COMBATTING INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING. AT WORKING LEVEL DEA/BARO AGENTS EXPERIENCING NO LESSENING OF COOPERATION, HOWEVER NEW POLICE CHIEF HAS PLACED EMPHASIS ON ELIMINATION TERRORISM, AND THUS NARCOTICS AND OTHER SIMILAR CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES RECEIVING LOWER PRIORITY ATTENTION.

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AND DANGEROUS DRUGS IS STILL IN STATE OF LIMBO PENDING CERTAIN
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